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[PRICE \$2 PER MONTH.]

Arrivals.

Aug. 16, F. H. DREWS, Gt. Br., 267, W. Voratz, Manila Aug. 4th, Saigon 2nd. —Wm. PUGET & Co.
Aug. 16, CHING TING, H.I.C.M. g.b., 150, Bessac, Canton 15th August.
RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 18TH APRIL, 1863.

Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED by National Decree of 1st 7th and 8th March, 1848, and by Imperial Decrees of 25th July, 1854, and 31st December, 1866.

RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 18TH APRIL, 1863.

France, £ Sterling.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$300,000 \$200,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$200,000 \$80,000

HEAD OFFICE—14, Rue Berger, Paris.
LONDON AGENCY—144, Threadneedle Street.

AGENCIES.—At Nantes, Lyons, Marseille,
Bruxelles, Brussels, Alexandria, Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, Shanghai, Sigon, Saint Denis (Le de la Réunion), and Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS—UNION BANK OF LONDON.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

Interest Allowed.

On current deposit accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the monthly minimum balances; 2½% subject to 18 days' notice of withdrawal; and 3½% subject to one month's notice.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months 3½% per annum.
" 6 " 4½ "
" 12 " 5½ "

A. PHILLIPS,
Acting Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings,

Queen's Road, 176 Hongkong, 2nd June, 1873.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$5,000,000 of Dollars.

RESERVE FUND.....\$1,000,000 of Dollars.

Court of Directors:

Chairman—S. D. SASOON, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. REED, Esq.
M. Andes, Esq.
J. H. Bellamy, Esq.
John E. Bowes,
J. J. Bowes, Esq.
Chief Manager—
Hongkong—James Greig, Esq.,
Manager.
Shanghai—Ewen Cameron, Esq.
London Bankers—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
Interest Allowed.

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1% per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months' 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4½ "
" 12 " 5½ "

LOCAL BANKS DISCOUNTED.

Credit granted on approved Securities, and

any description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts drawn on London, and the chief commercial ports Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREEN, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation:

No. 1, Queen's Road East, 1062—Hongkong, 1st April, 1873.

To LET.

THE HOUSES Nos. 3 and 6 in Seymour Terrace, Apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.

1328 Hongkong, 15th August, 1873.

To LET.

THAT COMMODIOUS HOUSE No. 5, Char-

ter Lane, Possession can be had on the 1st September.

Apply to

G. FALCONER & CO.

1319 Hongkong, 14th August, 1873.

To LET.

With immediate possession.

THE HOUSES No. 12, Amoy Street, lately

occupied by Mr. A. E. VAUCHEL.

Apply to

J. A. DE GARVALHO.

1235 Hongkong, 1st August, 1873.

To LET.

(With immediate possession.)

THE HOUSES Nos. 5 and 8, West Terrace.

Apply to

J. P. DA COSTA.

East Point, or No. 7, Clancy Lane,

or 1291 Hongkong, 20th July, 1873.

To LET.

COMMODIOUS GODOWN and OFFICE

in Queen's Road.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

1147 Hongkong, 15th July, 1873.

To LET.

THE HOUSES Nos. 35, 37, 41, 43, and 45,

in Wyndham Street.

Apply to

J. J. DOS REMEDIOS & CO.

1051 Hongkong, 23rd June, 1873.

To LET.

Possession on 1st July next.

THE TWO HOUSES in Queen's Road West,

known as the "Crown and Anchor" Tavern.

For particulars apply to

GILMAN & CO.

Friars, 1021 Hongkong, 25th June, 1873.

To LET.

With immediate possession.

THE OFFICES Compradores PREMISES,

&c., situated near the office of the under-

signed, and at present in the occupation of

Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Apply to

THE BORNEO CO. LIMITED,

No. 39, Queen's Road Central,

or 850 Hongkong, 16th June, 1873.

For RENT.

A. at Wan Chai.

Apply to

S. E. BURROWS & SONS

751 Hongkong, 20th May, 1873.

To LET.

THE HOUSE No. 13, Stamford Street, con-

taining 7 Rooms. Side entrance for ser-

Venue. Possession can be had on 1st proxime.

Apply to

J. H. COX.

41 Queen's Road,

or 918 Hongkong, 10th June, 1873.

To LET.

With prompt possession.

N. O. 10, UPPER MONG KOK TERRACE, a

large building, with good view, for

Office, Store, Bath and Dressing Rooms, Cu-

ches, &c. Water bid on. Rent, Fifty Dollars per month. Apply to

G. G. LINSTEAD.

or 1100 Hongkong, 28th July, 1873.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the busi-

ness of the under-signed in Hongkong is about

being closed. All parties indebted to the firm

are requested to make immediate payment; and

all claims against the firm are requested to be

settled in before the 31st day of August next,

after which no claim will be allowed.

FRÉWYN & CO.

Agents.

if 603 Swatow, 15th April, 1873.

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EDULIEFF FRAMBE SONS & CO.

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Extracts.

GONE ARE THE YANKEES.

A COCKNEY WAIL.

The great Pacific journey I have done,
In many a town and land I've found,
I think I've travelled to the setting sun,
And very rarely reached the bay of Sagamore,
Like London, or the city of the final trial,
Five Weeks' Bachelor to Yankee Dan
I've been a ne'er, yet I easily fall
To find the genuine type American.

Where is the object of my youthful wonder,
Who met me in the pines of them Slick?
Who spurned my ways with his blunder,
And left all alone a bit of stick?

The more the crowd of friends and my kinship,
The less my chance to meet him seems to be,
Why did he fly? Why himself to Dickens,
To Dixon, Sla., Trellope, not me?

No one questions with the words, Was it strange?
Greets me as Reddy Cus, or about Old Hots?

No grim six-shooters threaten me with danger,
If I don't quickly pay the buster, boss.

Round friendly boards no cocktail even passes,
No brash snarl my hunting horn begets.

And petticoats are worn by all the ladies,
And the pincos don't wear pantaloons.

The ladies, when you offer chicken salad,
Don't say, I'm pretty crooked now, I guess;

"They don't like Mrs. Burney Williams' balls,"

Of "Bobbing Round," nor did Six-to-one for ye,
I, too, have got, like every other fellow,

In many a railway, omnibus, street-cut;
No girl has asked me for a fence umbrella,

And said, You git, I mean to sit right there.

Gone are the Yankees of my early readings!

Paled the Yankee land of eager guests!

I met with culture, courtesy, good breeding,

Art, letters, men and women of the best,

Or feelings, all my heart's desire!

Don't come out here, but stay at home in London,

And seek in books the true American.

—London Figaro.

THE SKULL OF SHAKESPEARE.

A certain French Baron, whose scientific tastes led him to collect the skulls of celebrated persons, one day received a visit from a man with whom he was accustomed to deal.

"What do you bring me here?" asked the Baron, as the man slowly unwrapped a carefully enveloped package.

"The skull of Shakespeare."

"Impossible!"

"I speak the truth, Monsieur le Baron. Here is proof of what I say," said the dealer, producing some papers.

"But," replied the Baron, drawing aside the drapery which concealed his own singular collection, "I already possess that skull."

"He must have been a wretched who sold you that," was the remark of the honest dealer. "Who was it, Monsieur?"

"Your father," said the Baron in a mild tone, "he sold it to me about twenty-nine years ago."

The broker was for a moment disconcerted, then explained with gravity:

"I comprehend. Be good enough to observe the small dimensions of the skull on your shelf. Remark the narrow cranium, the undeveloped forehead, where intelligence is still mute. It is of Shakespeare certainly, but Shakespeare as a child about 12 or 14 years old, whereas this is that of Shakespeare when he had attained a certain age, and had become the great genius of which England is so justly proud."

The Baron bought the second head.

THE BULLFINCH.

This bird is common in all parts of our island, and, in a wild state, is very destructive in the spring to the buds that contain the blossom of different fruits, especially stone fruit, such as plums and cherries. It has been said these birds go for a "small mazzot," but whether there is a small mazzot in some of the buds or not is best known to the eater of the blossom—it is very positive the bullfinch does not leave us a chance to see, after it has inserted its strong bill into it. I have known trees perfectly stripped of bloom by these birds, leaving a strong proof of the damage done, on the ground below, the profusion being buds, seeds, and fragments of flowers. They are very partial to ripe raspberries in summer, and I have no doubt they find them very refreshing. In the autumn and winter they feed on seeds, such as the frost-bitten blackberry, herbs of various kinds the ash, and many more seeds, which they find either on the ground or still hanging on their stems. At this time of the year they are in small flocks of pairs, and, when disturbed, fly singly, one taking the lead, the others following individually until all have left the place where only a few seconds before they were perhaps partaking of a meal; if this occurs on a hedge it is often repeated in short distances for a long way down the side, until they either come to another hedge or settle on the boughs of a tree. They are more often seen on the ash than on any other; if this tree stands in the hedge row, they are almost sure not to pass it; but if disturbed here, they will often fly over the intruder's head to the place where they first started.—From "Outdoor Common Birds."

CHRISTMAS HEATHENISM.

Christmas in England is surely the shadow of its former merriness, brilliant self, when all classes of society united around a common banquet table, indulged in the unrestrained joviality and merriment. The wassail bowl, that once played so conspicuous a part at the Christmas banquet, has become obsolete, while the old-time toast of "Drin' hell" or "Was' hal," from which the bowl derives its name, has given place to the modern "Come here to you," or "I'll pledge you." Then, too, the singing of Christmas carols, which was once so popular even at court, has greatly fallen into disuse, and is now principally confined to the lower classes. Even the traditional mistletoe, around which gathers so much pose and romance, and under which coy maidens coquettishly court the eyes of their present or prospective lovers, is now excluded from the church as a relic of paganism, has been banished by slow degrees from its high port of favour; while the Yule-block or Christmas log, with its warm welcome, extending even to the poor and the stranger as they gathered around the hospitable board, is being gradually supplanted by the Christmas-tree, whose introduction into England is comparatively of recent date. But if the Lord of Misrule has been the loser, Christian civilisation has gained in many a rational observance of the Christmas festivities in England. The Christmas-tree sheds its mild-marrow radiance over a more quiet but less enjoyable scene. Churches and home shrines robe themselves in evergreen boughs, ivy, and laurel. Generous nations of beef and bread are distributed to the parish poor on Christmas-eve by jewelled hands, while the Christmas bells still ring out their silver chimes on the crisp morning air joyfully and cheerfully. Nor is there wanting a spicy flavour of the old-time feasting and frolic, when these

"were brought in the hasty brown

By old blue-coated serving men;

Then the gen'l bear'd his head on high,

Created with bayes and rosemary."

White royal the morn was all bow,

Garnished with ribbons, blith did trow!"

To say nothing of the roast beef and plum-pudding, Christmas pies, fumity, and snap-dragons, the yule-log and the mistletoe, which were not finally abominated, while the boar's head, decorated with rosemary or prickly holly, maintains its place at the English Christmas dinner, and is still served up in great state at the Royal Christmas dinner.—"Christmas throughout Christendom," in Harper's New Monthly Magazine.

THE SAMARANG SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAMARANG.

THE Attention of Shippers is called to the low rates of Premiums charged by the undersigned Agents of above named Companies, for all steamer risks, subject to a brokerage of 15 per cent.

The "Casterling," as well as the "Globe," after paying the Shareholders a dividend of 10 per cent. on their paid up Capital, distribute 25 per cent. of the surplus of the profits pro rata amongst each of the Insurers as have paid during the year £2500 and upwards in premium. Particulars can be obtained at the Office of SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

On and after this date, a discount of 20 per cent. of the above rates will be allowed to Insurers.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000.

Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.

At 116 Hongkong, 24th June, 1872.

NOTICE.

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged SHORT PERIOD Insurance, viz.—

Not exceeding Ten days¹ of the annual rate.

Above 1 month¹ and not² exceeding 3 months¹ do. do.

Above 3 months¹ and not² exceeding 6 months¹ do. do.

Above six months the full annual rate.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO., Agents.

At 675 Hongkong, 26th August, 1872.

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged on SHORT PERIOD Insurance, viz.—

Not exceeding Ten days¹ of the annual rate.

Above 1 month¹ and not² exceeding 3 months¹ do. do.

Above 3 months¹ and not² exceeding 6 months¹ do. do.

Above six months the full annual rate.

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At 675 Hongkong, 26th August, 1872.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date, a Discount of 20 per cent. on the current rates of Premium will be allowed to all contributors.

ROBERT S. WALKER & CO., Agents.

At 1162 Hongkong, 24th January, 1872.

NOTICE.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. on the current local rate of Premium will be allowed upon insurance effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO., Agents.

At 1163 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date, a Discount of 20 per cent. on the current rates of Premium will be allowed on Insurances against fire, effected with this Office.

NORTON, LYALL & CO., Agents.

At 1174 Hongkong, 25th June, 1872.

NOTICE.

NOVEMBER BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Sea Risks at current rates.

Not exceeding 1 month¹ of the annual rate.

Above 1 month¹ and not² exceeding 3 months¹ do. do.

Above 3 months¹ and not² exceeding 6 months¹ do. do.

Above six months the full annual rate.

DETACHED & SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS.

Not exceeding 10 days¹ per cent.

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